



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, August 19, 2008

5:15 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mayor Formon and Ms. Misty Micenhamer from the Mayor's office were also in attendance

Present 5 - Chris Moore; Tim McCall; Mitch Johnson; Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

Absent 1 - Judy Furr

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-08:164 Minutes for the Public Safety meeting on July 15, 2008.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman Harold Perrin, that this Minutes be Passed. This motion CARRIED by Voice Vote.

Aye: 4 - Tim McCall; Mitch Johnson; Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Judy Furr

3. New Business

Ordinances To Be Introduced

ORD-08:012 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND ADD TO THE JONESBORO MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 8.28, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, SUB SECTION 8.28.12 ROADBLOCKS FOR SOLICITATIONS REGARDING PUBLIC SOLICITATION UTILIZING PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF WAY.

Sponsors: Mayor's Office and Fire Department

Attachments: [Noise Roadblock guidelines](#)
[Right of Way solicitation ord](#)

Fireman Paul Pittman discussed the ordinance. Mr. Pittman stated 100% of the money raised by the group doing the roadblock will have to go to charitable organization. Mr. Pittman stated City Attorney Phillip Crego had suggested changing 501c3 to 501c charitable. Police Chief Michael Yates stated the requiring a permit would make enforcement easier. Councilman Tim McCall questioned how this ordinance would affect high schools that do car washes. Mr. Pittman stated it would not affect them because they are not soliciting money on the roadway; rather, they're advertising on the roadway. Councilman Mitch Johnson questioned if it will still be first come, first serve basis. Mr. Pittman answered yes, with a limit at 12. Operations Director Misty Micenhamer stated they would have to file 30 days before the event,

but no more than 180 days before the event. Further discussion was held concerning the ordinance. Councilman Johnson asked if we should strike out the language regarding shirts. Mr. Pittman stated it is ok to strike the shirt language and just require vest.

A motion was made by Councilman Tim McCall, seconded by Councilman Harold Perrin, that this matter be Recommended to Council based on striking the shirt language. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Tim McCall; Mitch Johnson; Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Judy Furr

ORD-08:061 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 8.44 DOWNTOWN PARKING BY CHANGING TIME LIMITS IN SPECIFIC AREAS.

Sponsors: Public Safety Council Committee

Attachments: [700 Blk Main St Petition](#)

Chief Yates stated the church groups brought up some concerns about the parking time limits. He added it would be unreasonable to have a funeral or a wedding in a 2 hour time frame.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Perrin, seconded by Councilman Tim McCall, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Tim McCall; Mitch Johnson; Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Judy Furr

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-08:143 A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 2002 Prescott

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST.doc](#)
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Code Enforcement Officer Ronnie Shaver stated they sent a violation to the property owner in May and she had agreed to take the property down but hadn't. He added he contacted her again to let her know that he will be taking it to the City Council if she didn't remove the property.

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman Harold Perrin, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Tim McCall; Mitch Johnson; Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Judy Furr

4. Pending Items

COM-08:108 Mosquito control report from Vector Disease Control for July, 2008

Attachments: [Mosquito Control Report for July 2008](#)

Mr. Jim Stark stated they received 41 service requests for July.

Councilman Harold Perrin questioned if they treat the standing water around the access roads. Mr. Stark stated if they know about it they treat it. Chairman Moore stated if they see an obstruction causing the standing water they are supposed to call and report it to the Street Department. Discussion was held concerning the bypass area and if it belonged to the Highway Department or not. Chairman Moore stated the bypass and the roads that intersect it belong to the Highway Department. He added if Mr. Stark sees standing water for more than 5 days he needs to call the Mayor's Office and they will have someone go out to the area.

This item was Read

5. Other Business

COM-08:096 Discussion of Police Website

Sponsors: Police Department

Attachments: [Police Department Website](#)

Chief Yates stated the Police Department has fallen behind the technology curve on what they can do with information sharing. He added they need a gang database. He discussed what would be able to be done on the website. Councilman Perrin questioned who will keep it updated. Chief Yates stated it would be Jonesboro Police Department. Chief Yates explained he wasn't sure how much it will cost right now because they are working on the database interface. He further explained when you have the e-commerce and linking to some databases, mapping and monthly reports cost more. He stated he should have enough forfeiture funds to pay for it. Chairman Moore asked what a ballpark figure would be. Chief Yates answered under \$10,000. He added if the City gets the Internet Predator Grant for \$500,000 it would pay for the site and the ongoing maintenance. Chairman Moore asked if the Amber Alert would be tied into that so citizens can register their email address with the site. Chief Yates stated that would have to be determined because it would require another database email server. He noted the Amber Alert ticker would be going all the time. He added there will be a video introduction to show how it all works. Further discussion was held concerning the website.

This item was Read

COM-08:106 Animal Control Cooling System

Sponsors: Police Department

Chief Yates stated he visited one of the two facilities in Columbus, Georgia that had one of the cooling systems that ours was based on. He described the conditions at the facility he visited. He also stated he does not have a cost but thinks it would be around \$5,000 to \$7,000. He added there is some negotiation needed on who is responsible for what. He explained he thinks they did not fully realize what kind of system the company was talking about adding and he also thinks the company did not fully communicate what they were going to doing. He stated since more air is

moved in our facility that will help with the disease mitigation.

This item was Read

COM-08:109 Discussion by Ms. Wannda Turner concerning unchaining dogs in Jonesboro

Attachments: [Unchaining Dogs](#)

Ms. Wannda Turner stated City Attorney Phillip Crego and City Assistant Attorney Carol Duncan both looked over the information. Ms. Turner discussed the ordinance. She stated the dogs should not be on a permanent tether but could be on a trolley system. Mayor Formon asked why the ordinance would allow for a permit. Ms. Turner stated there are kennels that could want stationary chaining for business purposes, but it would be up to the City if it would be require a permit or not. Chairman Moore stated that he would like for everyone to take the material home and look over it and bring it back at the next meeting. He added he would allow Ms. Turner another 15 minutes at the next meeting to discuss it further. Ms. Turner stated she would like to have a decision at the next meeting on sending it to the City Council. Ms. Turner stated since the last meeting she has removed the part about dogs riding in the back of the truck from the ordinance. Chief Yates stated he needs time to figure out how to enforce the time of day limits.

This item was Read

6. Public Comments

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Harold Perrin, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 4 - Tim McCall; Mitch Johnson; Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Judy Furr